

Program of Nasjonal Samling

Nasjonal Samling's goals are: National unity without class antagonisms and parties, a solidarity-based people's society built on the foundations of working life, with a strong and stable government - a professional people's government. Based on this basic view, the movement will implement the following program:

I. The State and the Community

1. The National Government to act independently of party politics.
2. The cultural life of the nation and its livelihood to be organised in self- governing bodies and associations. These to be the links between the individual and the State, and controlled by the latter.
3. The management of the State to be rationalised by strongly increased influence of experts and the inculcation of personal responsibility and authority among officials and employees. General management and business management to be separated.
4. The self-government of communities to be transformed and their authority to be underwritten by the State. The power of Mayors to be strengthened in the counties. The duties and responsibilities of the State and Communities to be more effectively separated so as to clarify financial obligations.
5. Law and Justice to be rigorously enforced. The State to assume control of the Police. Corruption and dishonesty to be counteracted by all possible means and respect for Justice raised. The use of inexperienced jurymen to be reduced accordingly.
6. State Finances to be staggered in accordance with an economic plan of several years' duration. Strict economy and minimum taxation of trade, industry and other enterprises. A uniform scale of taxation throughout the country, with taxes being reduced to a reasonable level. The same scale to apply to town and country. Expenses to be reduced to a minimum.
7. Voluntary labour service to be introduced for all healthy youths in order to strengthen the feeling of solidarity in the nation and to create a bond in building up the country.

II. Working life

8. Everybody to have the right and duty to work. Brain-work and manual- labour to be equally respected.
9. Private enterprise and property rights to be protected within the framework of economically planned organisations for trade and production. All national resources to be utilised. The State and Communities not to engage in trade or industry on their own account, unless social considerations demand it. Co-operative trade to be non-political.
10. The extension and modernisation of communications by land, sea and air, and the transformation of waterfalls into hydro-electric power, to be promoted by private enterprise.
11. Lockouts and strikes to be banned. The rights and duties of employers and employees to be fixed by law, defining their terms of co-operation and conditions for settling disputes about working conditions. The responsibility of banks and financial institutions to be changed and the responsibility of their management increased so as to protect commercial and industrial undertakings as well as the benefits of employees.

12. Unemployment to be abolished in accordance with a national economic plan. Working hours and pensions to be regulated in accordance with technical development so that all young people obtain employment. Available jobs to be dispersed in a just and reasonable manner. Double employment and promotion through private influence to be strictly avoided. Relief organisation to be superseded by general and systematic social reform. All able-bodied persons to be found work instead of relief.

13. A rational monetary system to be established on a fixed level of value so that work is properly rewarded.

14. Banking services to be changed in accordance with the demands of the time. Nationwide credit to be made available to enterprises large and small. Capital to serve the productive life of the country, and interest rates to be reduced. Unsound speculation and too much reward for too little work to be stopped. Savings, old-age pensions and life insurances to be promoted and protected.

15. A national agricultural policy to promote a class of large and small freehold farmers, to secure the national food supply, to facilitate new cultivation and to encourage the building of new farms. Debts to be settled, prices and distribution to be arranged, taxes and dues to be regulated so as to make agriculture pay.

16. Forestry production to be increased through rational cultivation and management and the construction of new roads, thus providing all-the-year round work for forest workers and improving their conditions—also increasing their opportunities for becoming independent owners.

17. Fishermen to be supported by the assistance of organised co-operatives, through the improvement of fish products, improved export, an increased home market, the settlement of debts and easier opportunities to combine fishing with farming. Control of foreign trawlers to be more efficient.

18. Cottage industries, small enterprises and small craft to be energetically supported.

III. The individual, the race and health of the nation

19. Responsibility for the maintenance of living standards to be strengthened. Everybody to be placed so as to use his or her gifts and abilities to the advantage of all.

20. The family and home to be protected. Respect for women's homework and motherhood to be raised. Equal political and employment rights for men and women. Economic support for children and the disabled to be achieved. Old-age pensions for all.

21. National health to be improved by better sanitation and accommodation as well as opposition to the misuse of alcohol and the promotion of sport and exercise. The race to be protected. Habitual criminals, the insane and hereditary imbeciles to be sterilised after examination by experts and certification that they cannot beget sound children.

IV. Schools and Intellectual Life

22. The fundamental value of the Christian religion to be protected.

23. Better and quicker school education, with special attention to the formation of character, social consciousness, physical development and practical life. A general school plan offering full facilities for pupils to specialise according to their gifts and their plans for the future—in accordance with the needs of society. The State to pay for pupils with special gifts. Research institutes and specialised schools to be founded and developed.

24. Self-governing intellectual organisations to receive financial support under the supervision of the State.

25. The press, theatres, cinemas, broadcasting and other cultural institutions to support the interests of the nation. Anti-social propaganda and the spreading of class-hatred to be strictly forbidden.

26. The natural amalgamation of the two Norwegian dialects into one written language to be promoted but not enforced.

V. Defence and Foreign Policy

27. Defence to be strengthened, especially the Navy and Air Force. The three Services to be combined.

28. The Foreign Service to be practical and efficient and to be conducted along lines designed to further a determined trade and foreign policy.

29. Trade policy to strive for the consolidation of the national homestead, increased exports and increased shipping. Goods which can be produced at home in sufficient quantity and quality to be excluded from imports. Self-sufficiency apart, foreign trade to be based upon reciprocity. Norwegian Mercantile Marine activities abroad to have determined political support. Norwegian Arctic and Antarctic interests to be strongly and alertly asserted.

30. Large contributions to be made towards the world community of nations. Norwegian foreign policy to seek worldwide connections with related peoples in culture, race and interests. Everywhere, however, the interests of the nation to precede the interests of individuals, parties and countries.

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